MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I ask whether this type of security has appreciated considerably in value during the last one year?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether it is not desirable to convert these securities into securities of a more stable nature?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is proposed to sell the securities next year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the price now?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Finanical Secretary to Government*): It varies between Rs. 99 and Rs. 100. One hundred is the peak figure it has attained recently.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether it is an interest-bearing security and if so what is the rate of interest?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes; three and a half per cent.

Motor Bus Service.

143. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average number of motor buses and passengers that arrive and depart from the motor stand at the Cantonment, Trivandrum, on each day;

(*b*) whether any convenience is provided for the passengers to wait as is provided at the Boat Jetties at Ernakulam, Cochin, Alleppey and Quilon;

(*c*) the income out of the motor vehicles to the State; and

(*d*) the income out of the motor boats to the State?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) 123 and 1911, respectively.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) As the period for which the member seeks information is not specified, it is not possible to give an answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What arrangements have been made for the convenience of the passengers at the Cantonment, Trivandrum?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The Bus Companies have their own sheds and garages and the passengers are accommodated there.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government have made any arrangements for the purpose?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government consider it necessary in the interests of passengers to make some arrangements in the Cantonment?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No inconvenience is felt by the passengers now.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know the nature of the provision made there?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There are sheds.

Motor Bus Fares.

144. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the distance between Kottayam and Palai, Kottayam and Alwaye, Kottayam and Quilon, Kottayam and Trivandrum, Quilon and Trivandrum, Trivandrum and Nagercoil, Nagercoil and Cape, and the respective fares obtaining in the various bus services connecting these places;

(*b*) whether there is any understanding between the Government on the one hand and the bus-owners on the other with regard to bus fares in the State;

(*c*) whether there is any rule, written or unwritten, prohibiting the bus-owners from levying more than 8 cash per mile per head;

(*d*) whether the Traffic Department has given any assurance to the Kottayam-Palai bus owners that no more fresh permits will be given on the route; and

(*e*) whether they have taken any steps to make the bus fares in the State uniform?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commisioner of Police*):

	Miles.	*Rates of fare.* Rs.	As.	P.
(*a*)				
Kottayam and Palai ...	17¾	...	8	...
Kottayam and Alwaye ...	58	1	4	...
Kottayam and Quilon ...	64¾	1	...	...
Kottayam and Trivandrum	95½	1	12	...
Quilon and Trivandrum ...	44¼	...	7	...
Trivandrum and Nagercoil	43⅜	...	12	...
Nagercoil and Cape ...	13	...	3	5

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) Answers are in the negative.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Before putting supplementary questions I must make a submission to the Chair, *viz.*, that the answers given are not correct. In answer to part (*a*) it is stated that the fare between Trivandrum and Kottayam is Re. 1-12 annas. It is not so.

May I know from the member the last date on which a permit was given on the Kottayam-Palai route?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether any fresh permit was issued in 1111?

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